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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Report from Cape Town—Examination of rodents for plague infection at East London.

The following is received from the medical officer of health for the Colony, under date of July 2, 1906:

East London.—Week ended June 30, 1906: One hundred and ninety-seven rodents, of which 21 were found dead, bacteriologically examined. No plague infection found.

AUSTRALIA.

Plague in Queensland, New South Wales, and Western Australia—Examination of rodents for plague infection.

The following information is taken from plague bulletins received from Consul-General Bray at Melbourne:

In Queensland a fatal case of plague was reported June 20 at Brisbane. The patient was a Chinese employed as cook in a hotel. Number of rodents destroyed, 511; examined, 339; found infected, none.

In New South Wales 1 fatal plague case was reported during the week ended June 23. The case occurred in a plague-free locality. The patient had been employed in moving material reported rat infested, but no infection was found among the rats taken. Two infected rats were, however, found in the vicinity of the ferry used by the patient. One plague case remained under treatment at the close of the week. Number of rodents destroyed, 2,126; examined, 597; found infected, 2.

In Western Australia 1 plague case remained under treatment at Fremantle. At the end of the week ended June 23 number of rodents examined: At Perth, 22; at Fremantle, 29; 2 found infected at Fremantle.

BARBADOS.

Report from Bridgetown—Inspection of vessels—Sanitary conditions good.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Urquhart reports, July 28, as follows:

On July 24 I fumigated the British steamship *Bernard* bound for Galveston, in water ballast. Everything was in good sanitary condition on board.

The sanitary condition of Bridgetown is very good.